

SENATOR M'DONALD

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of Senator Pope was adopted.

Senators Terrell, Harrison, Burney and Calhoun, spoke in favor of the reconsideration, and

Senators Pope, Glasscock and Gregg opposed it.

The motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—16.

Allen,	Frank,
Armistead,	Garrison,
Bell,	Harrison,
Burney,	Houston,
Calhoun,	McDonald,
Claiborne,	Simkins,
Douglass of G,	Terrell,
Field,	Woods.

NAYS—11.

Abercrombie,	Lane,
Burges,	Pope,
Camp,	Stinson,
Glasscock,	Upshaw,
Gregg,	Woodward.
Knittle,	

. ABSENT—1.

MacManus.

SENATOR POPE

Moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Lost.

SENATOR TERRELL

Offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Section 3. If from any cause any certificate of occupation license shall be lost or destroyed, it shall be the duty of the clerk, upon application of the person, firm or corporation, who formerly had such license, to furnish a new certificate for the remainder of the term covered by the license lost or destroyed.

On motion of Senator Armistead.

The Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FORTY-SIXTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER. }
AUSTIN, March 4, 1887. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Woodward,

The reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

BY SENATOR CLAIBORNE:

Petition of citizens of Galveston county against the organization and creation of the new county of Calder.

Referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

BY SENATOR UPSHAW:

Petitions of members of fire departments of Fort Worth, Caldwell, Waxahachie, Brenham, Terrell, Victoria, La Grange, Marshall, Brownwood, Sulphur Springs, Sherman, Mexia, Calvert, Georgetown, Lampasas, Palestine, Gatesville, Cleburne, Paris, San Marcos, Abilene, El Paso, Huntsville, Beaumont, San Angelos and other Texas towns and cities, asking the passage of a law relieving active members of fire companies from jury and road services, etc.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

BY SENATOR FRANK:

SENATE CHAMBER. }

AUSTIN, March 4, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined Senate bill No. 219, entitled:

"An act to provide for the sale of all lands heretofore or hereafter surveyed and set apart for the benefit of the common schools, the university and the several asylums, and the lease of such lands and of the public lands of the State; and to prevent the free use, occupancy, unlawful enclosure or unlawful appropriation of such lands, and to prescribe and provide adequate penalties therefor," and find the same correctly engrossed.

FRANK, chairman.

SENATE CHAMBER. }

AUSTIN, March 4, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed

bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 231, being

"An act to create a commission of arbitration and award, and define the powers and duties thereof, and to make an appropriation to pay the salaries of the judges thereof," and find the same correctly engrossed.

FRANK, chairman.

SENATOR WOODS

Sent up the following special committee report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 3, 1887. }

Hon T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate, and Hon. Geo. C. Pendleton, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Your special joint committee appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the cause of the delay in the payment of interest due on land notes, due for land sold under the acts of 1879 and 1881 and now unpaid, and to ascertain why some counties have received all of their portion of the free school fund and others have not, and why the fund is behind in payment and to suggest a remedy in our report thereon, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

We find that the appointments for the public schools is made on July 15. The basis of apportionment is the occupation and school taxes levied, but not subject to forced collection until March; and on the interest arising from interest bearing land notes owned by the school fund of the State.

The schools begin in September, and so are running at least six months ahead of the payment of the school money.

Under the sales of the acts of 1879 and 1881 the unpaid school land notes bear interest as follows:

Four hundred and thirty-two thousand and eight dollars at 10 per cent per annum; \$4,981,700 at 8 per cent per annum, making a total annual interest of \$441,743.20 on said notes.

By the acts of the Nineteenth Legislature the time for the forced payment of this interest, which is due on January 1, was extended to August 1.

The annual interest derived from school lands sold by the Land Board amounts to \$300,000.

The time for the forced payment to this was also extended to August 1.

This, together with the interest on land notes sold under the acts of 1879

and 1881, amounts to a total annual interest of \$741,743.20, the payment of which has been extended to August the first, to which is largely due the tardy payment and present deficiency in the available school fund.

The reason some counties are more promptly paid than others is, in the opinion of your committee, due to the coupon system, under which the counties draw their warrants and present them to the State Treasurer, who registers in their order, and when the school fund is paid into the treasury the warrants are paid in the order of their registration, thus giving those counties which get their warrants registered first, an advantage over the other counties of the State. We further find that some counties do not expend their entire apportionment of free school money and thus have accumulated large amounts in the county treasuries. There is now piled up in the treasuries of ten counties of this State the sum of \$182,812 and that in one county of this State has now in its treasury the sum of \$164 per capita.

We therefore recommend the repeal of "An act to prevent the forfeiture of the rights of purchasers of public free school land, university and asylum lands" passed by the Nineteenth Legislature and approved February 19, 1885.

Also that an act passed by the Nineteenth Legislature and approved February 13, 1885, be so amended that the interest will be due and payable on first of January of each year, with sixty days of grace, as provided by the act creating the law under which the public lands were sold. We further recommend the passage of an act requiring county judges to report to the board of education immediately after the close of the free schools in their counties the surplus of the school fund in the county, if any, and that the board of education be required, before making apportionment of said free school fund, take into consideration the surplus reported as being on hand by the county judges, and the board shall deduct the same from the amount due the county having such surplus.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WOODS,

For Senate Committee.

CONE,

For House Committee.

The following message was received

from the Governor, and was read and referred to special Drouth Relief Committee, together with accompanying letter:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
AUSTIN, March 4, 1887. }

To the Senate of Texas:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit letter from the Drouth Commissioners, and suggest that such action may be taken by your honorable body as may be necessary, in view of extending the time in which the Drouth Commissioners can perform the duties with which they are charged under the law, and which I believe is necessary.

Respectfully,

L. S. Ross,
Governor.

CISCO, TEXAS, }
March 1, 1887. }

Gov. L. S. Ross, Austin, Texas:

Sir—The Drouth Relief Committee respectfully represent that at the time they entered upon the discharge of their duty as such committee it was the opinion of several members of the Legislature from the drouth district that not more than twenty counties would come within the provisions of relief bill.

The committee have already visited twenty odd counties and extended to their people temporary relief.

There are yet to be visited thirteen counties, from each of which the committee are in receipt of pressing letters directing their attention to the needy condition of their people, and requesting immediate assistance.

The committee are clearly of the opinion that these last counties should receive their attention in like manner as have the others they have visited. To enable the committee to reach these counties and investigate their claims for relief will require most if not all the remaining time prescribed by law, within which to complete their labors.

The committee have been compelled for want of sufficient time to separate and work in different counties at the same time. It will take some little time after the active work in the field is accomplished for the committee to compare their notes and make proper estimates for an equitable distribution of the relief fund.

In addition to this a reasonable time will be needed to enable the committee to prepare their final report.

In view of the premises the committee respectfully submit to your Excellency, and through you to the Honorable Legislature of the State of Texas, now in session, that the time allotted them by law is not sufficient for the completion of their labors in a proper and satisfactory manner, and they, therefore, ask that their time be extended for fifteen days, or for such other and further time as may be deemed proper and necessary. The committee believe that the public welfare as well as the private interests of many interested citizens will be promoted by the granting of the above request for time.

Very respectfully,

LANE,
TEAGUE,
FERGUSON,

Drouth Relief Committee.

P. S. It is important that whatever is done in regard to the above matter should be done at once, and that the committee should be advised as to the result.

The committee's work this week will bring them near Waco. They have concluded to meet there next Sunday, where they can be addressed.

Respectfully,

TEAGUE,
For committee.

The following message was received from the House:

HALL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 4, 1887. }
Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—I am instructed by the House to inform the Senate that Hon. Mr. Parker has been relieved, at his own request, from the joint committee of the Senate and House to visit the State institutions of learning, and that Hon. Mr. Fuller has been appointed in his stead. The House Committee now stands as follows: Messrs. Baylor, Voorhees and Fuller.

WILL LAMBERT,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

BY SENATOR ABERCROMBIE:

A bill to be entitled:

"An act to amend an act entitled an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys

of said districts at the next general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884, approved April 9, 1883."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

The bill changes the times of holding court in Trinity county.

On motion of Senator MacManus, Senate bill No. 298 was ordered printed with majority and minority reports, together with a substitute.

On motion of Senator Pope, Senator Armistead was excused till Monday on account of important business.

THE PRESIDENT

Gave notice of signing

Senate bill No. 14.

"An act to define and punish the conversion of personal property by hirers, borrowers and other bailees,

And

Senate bill No. 15.

"An act to make it penal to use language or be guilty of conduct reasonably calculated to provoke a breach of the peace, and to prescribe the punishment therefor."

And

Senate bill No. 73.

"An act to amend Article 678, chapter 3, title 17 of the Penal Code."

On motion of Senator McDonald,

Substitute Senate bill No. 219,

"An act to provide for the sale and lease of all the public lands and of all lands heretofore or hereafter surveyed and set apart for the benefit of the common schools, the university and the several asylums, and to prevent the free use or unlawful enclosure of such lands," was taken up and read third time.

SENATOR CALHOUN

Moved to amend section 7 as amended by inserting after the first word "and" in the amendment the following: "where the water on a section is so situated that by proper subdivision of the section only one quarter of such section can have water thereon."

SENATOR CALHOUN

Spoke in favor of the amendment.

SENATOR M'DONALD

Moved the previous question on the amendment and the passage of the bill.

Seconded and main question ordered.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—11.

Bell,	Garrison,
Burges,	Glascock,
Burney,	Knittle,
Calhoun,	Lane,
Field,	Simkins,
Frank,	

NAYS—18.

Abercrombie,	Jarvis,
Allen,	McDonald,
Camp,	MacManus,
Claiborne,	Pope,
Douglass of J,	Stinson,
Douglass of G,	Terrell,
Gregg,	Upshaw,
Harrison,	Woods,
Houston,	Woodward.

ABSENT—none.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Abercrombie,	Harrison,
Allen,	Jarvis,
Bell,	Knittle,
Burney,	McDonald,
Camp,	MacManus,
Claiborne,	Pope,
Douglass of J,	Simkins,
Douglass of G,	Stinson,
Field,	Terrell,
Frank,	Woods,
Garrison,	Woodard.
Gregg,	

NAYS—5.

Burges,	Lane,
Calhoun,	Upshaw.
Houston,	

ABSENT—1.

Glascock.

SENATOR HOUSTON,

By leave.

Sent up the following:

"Joint resolution amending section 10, Article 8, of the Constitution."

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

And,

A bill to be entitled:

"An act authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue to the heirs of Erastus Smith a league and labor land certificate, and authorizing its location in conformity

with act of the First Congress of Texas, entitled 'an act for the relief of Erastus Smith, passed November 11, 1836.'

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Senator Bell,

The regular order of business was suspended and

Senate bill No. 166.

"An act to relieve the citizens of Calhoun county from the payment of taxes due the State of Texas for the year 1886." was taken up by the following vote:

YEAS—25.

Abercrombie,	Gregg,
Allen,	Jarvis,
Bell,	Knittle,
Burney,	Lane,
Calhoun,	McDonald,
Camp,	MacManus,
Claiborne,	Pope,
Douglass of J,	Stinson,
Douglass of G,	Terrell,
Field,	Upshaw,
Frank,	Woods,
Garrison,	Woodward,
Glasscock,	

NAYS—3.

Harrison, Simkins.

ABSENT—2.

Burges, Houston.

The question being on the motion of Senator Claiborne to substitute the minority for the majority report,

It was adopted.

SENATOR WOODWARD

Moved to amend section 1 by adding thereto "by the inhabitants of said Calhoun county."

Adopted.

And

The bill was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Glasscock,

The regular order of business was suspended,

And

Senate bill No. 206.

"An act to authorize William W. Wilson to sue the State in the courts of Travis county, etc., was taken up by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

Abercrombie,	Bell,
Allen,	Burney,

Calhoun,
Camp,
Claiborne,
Douglass of J.,
Douglass of G.,
Field,
Frank,
Garrison,
Glasscock,

Jarvis,
Knittle,
Lane,
MacManus,
Pope,
Stinson,
Terrell,
Woods,
Woodward.

NAYS—3.

Gregg, Simkins.
Harrison,

ABSENT—4.

Burges,	McDonald,
Houston,	Upshaw.

The bill was read a second time with committee substitute.

And,

On motion of Senator Glasscock,

The substitute was adopted.

Senators Harrison, Burges, Gregg and Douglass of Jefferson opposed the bill, and

Senators Calhoun, Terrell, Glasscock and Houston favored the bill, and

It was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

Allen,	Glasscock,
Bell,	Houston,
Burney,	Knittle,
Calhoun,	Lane,
Camp,	McDonald,
Claiborne,	Terrell,
Field,	Woodward.
Frank,	

NAYS—12.

Abercrombie,	Harrison,
Burges,	Jarvis,
Douglass of J,	Simkins,
Douglass of G,	Stinson,
Garrison,	Upshaw,
Gregg,	Woods.

ABSENT—2.

MacManus,	Pope.
By leave,	

SENATOR FRANK

Sent up

A bill to be entitled:

"To amend sections 7 and 8 of an act entitled an act to provide for the relief of citizens of Texas suffering by reason of the drouth, to make an appropriation therefor, and to prescribe the manner in which it shall be distributed, approved January 31, 1887."

Referred to Special Drouth Relief Committee.

On motion of Senator Bell,

The regular order of business was suspended and

Senate bill No. 225.

"An act to appoint a commission which shall report to each regular Legislature the necessary changes due to State economy in the financial management of institutions under the care of the State of Texas," was taken up by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

Abercrombie,	Harrison,
Allen,	Houston,
Bell,	Jarvis,
Burges,	Lane,
Calhoun,	McDonald,
Camp,	Stinson,
Douglass of J,	Terrell,
Douglass of G,	Upshaw,
Field,	Woods,
Frank,	Woodward.
Glasscock,	

NAYS—5.

Claiborne,	Knittle,
Garrison,	Simkins.
Gregg,	

ABSENT—3.

Burney,	Pope.
MacManus,	

The bill was read a second time with favorable committee report.

SENATOR HARRISON

Moved to amend section 6 by inserting in line 3, after the word "diem," the words, "and mileage."

Adopted.

SENATOR CLAIBORNE

Moved to insert "forty" for "ninety" days, in line 2, first section.

SENATOR CLAIBORNE

Spoke for, and

SENATORS ALLEN AND GLASSCOCK

Against the amendment, and it was lost.

SENATOR BURGESS

Moved:

Amend by adding to section 2 "and shall make a full examination into the offices of the Comptroller and Treas-

urer as to clerical force employed, the manner of conducting the business of each office, and make an actual count of the moneys on hand, the various funds and amounts due.

SENATOR BURGESS

Spoke in favor of the amendment and it was adopted.

SENATOR CLAIBORNE

Moved to add after word "persons," in line 3, section 1, "one of whom shall be a member of the State Senate," and "two members of the House of Representatives."

SENATORS ALLEN, STINSON AND FRANK

Opposed the amendment.

SENATOR HARRISON

Favored it.

SENATOR STINSON

Moved to substitute the amendment as follows:

Amend by inserting after the word "persons," in line 3, section 1, the following: "One of whom shall be a member of the Senate, and two shall have been members of the preceding Legislature."

SENATOR STINSON

Spoke in favor of the amendment. It was lost.

SENATOR CLAIBORNE

Withdrew his amendment.

SENATOR FRANK

Moved to amend by adding to section 5 the following: "Provided that neither of said commissioners nor clerk shall receive pay for more than forty days' service."

SENATOR FRANK

Spoke in favor of the amendment.

SENATOR BURNEY

Moved to amend the amendment as follows: Strike out "forty" and insert "sixty days."

Lost.

The amendment of Senator Frank was lost.

SENATOR WOODS

Moved to amend the amendment of the Senator from Gaudalupe by adding after the word "Comptroller," "Commissioner of General Land Office."

SENATOR WOODS

Spoke in favor of the amendment and it was

Adopted.

SENATOR CALHOUN

Spoke in opposition to the bill.

SENATOR CALHOUN

Moved to

Amend by inserting after the word "superintendent," in line 4, section 2, the words "Comptroller, Commissioner of General Land Office, Treasurer."

Adopted.

The Senate refused to engross the bill, and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—12.

Abercrombie,	Gregg,
Allen,	Pope,
Bell,	Stinson,
Field,	Upshaw,
Garrison,	Woods,
Glasscock,	Woodward.

NAYS—15.

Burney,	Jarvis,
Calhoun,	Knittle,
Camp,	Lane,
Claiborne,	McDonald,
Douglass of G,	MacManus,
Frank,	Simkins,
Harrison,	Terrell.
Houston,	

ABSENT—2.

Burges, Douglass of J.

On motion of Senator Frank, Senator Armistead was relieved from duty on the conference committee on House bill No. 295 (the deficiency bill) and Senator Garrison was appointed in his stead.

On motion of Senator Claiborne, Senate bill No. 170,

"An act to amend Article 3641, chapter 1, title 74, revised Civil Statutes," was taken up and read second time with unfavorable committee report, and was ordered engrossed.

SENATOR WOODS

Offered the following resolution, and asked to have it lay on the table subject to call:

Resolved, That the Twentieth Legislature of the State of Texas stand adjourned sine die at 12 o'clock m. on Wednesday, the (23) twenty-third day of March, 1887.

SENATOR LANE

By leave

Sent up memorials from citizens of Texas, asking that certain manufactories be exempted from taxation.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

On motion of Senator Stinson,

The Senate adjourned till 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Wheeler the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

SENATOR GREGG,

By leave,

Sent up by request,

A bill to be entitled:

"An act to amend Article 566, chapter 2, of Revised Civil Statutes."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary No. 1.

On motion of Senator Burges,

The regular order of business was suspended, and

Senate bill No. 54,

"An act to amend chapter 18, section 3. of an act entitled, 'An act to authorize counties to issue bonds for bridge purposes, and to levy a tax to pay the same, also, to validate bonds heretofore issued for bridge purposes,' passed at the special session of the Eighteenth Legislature," was taken up, read a third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Frank.

Senator Upshaw was excused until to-morrow.

THE PRESIDENT

Laid Senate bill No. 4,

"An act to amend Article 3200 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," before the Senate, with House amendments.

SENATORS HARRISON AND POPE

Opposed the concurrence in the amendments.

SENATOR GLASSCOCK

Withdrew his motion.

On motion of Senator Harrison,

The Senate refused to concur in the House amendments.

Senate bill No. 16.

"An act to amend Article 549, chapter 10, title 15, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas," was laid before the Senate with House amendment,

On motion of Senator Bell,

The Senate concurred in the House amendments.

Senate bill No. 40.

"An act to amend chapter 18, of the Revised Civil Statutes, by adding thereto Article 1379a, as to filing statement of facts in cases on appeal," was laid before the Senate with House amendment.

On motion of Senator Bell,

The House amendment was concurred in.

Senate bill No. 51.

"An act to make it penal to prevent or attempt to prevent any person from engaging or remaining in, or performing the duties of any unlawful employment, and to fix a penalty therefor," was laid before the Senate with House amendment.

On motion of Senator Terrell,

The House amendment was concurred in.

House bill No. 16.

"An act to amend section 1 of an act entitled 'an act to protect mechanics, laborers and operatives on railroads against the failure of owners, contractors, and subcontractors or agents to pay their wages when due, and provide a lien for such wages,' approved February 18, 1879," was taken up, read third time and was passed.

Substitute House joint resolution No. 1,

"Joint resolution to amend section 24, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas," was laid before the Senate and read third time.

SENATOR ALLEN

Spoke against the passage of the resolution.

SENATOR ALLEN

Offered the following amendment:

Add "provided no member of the Legislature shall receive less than fifty dollars mileage."

SENATOR ALLEN

Spoke in favor of the amendment.

SENATOR BURNEY

Offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend section 1, line 2, page 2, by adding after the words "water routes" the following: "And provided that no member shall receive over one hundred dollars for mileage."

SENATOR BURNEY

Favored the substitute.

SENATOR SIMKINS

Opposed both the amendment and the substitute.

The substitute was lost.

The amendment was lost.

SENATOR GREGG

Moved to amend by striking out all after word "exceeding," in line 3, down to and including word "session," in line 6, and insert in lieu thereof the following: Five hundred dollars per annum.

(Senator Pope, President pro tem, in the chair.)

SENATOR GREGG

Spoke for the amendment.

SENATOR WOODS

Favored the amendment.

It was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—7.

Garrison,	Terrell,
Glasscock,	Woods,
Gregg,	Woodard.
Harrison,	

NAYS—17.

Abercrombie,	Houston.
Allen,	Jarvis,
Bell,	Lane,
Burney,	McDonald,
Calhoun,	MacManus,
Camp,	Pope,
Douglass of G.	Simkins,
Field,	Stinson.
Frank,	

ABSENT—4.

Burges,	Douglass of J.,
Claiborne,	Knittle.

(The President in the chair.)

SENATOR POPE

Moved a call of the Senate.

Call sustained.

The roll was called, and Senators Burges, Claiborne and Douglass of Jefferson were found to be absent without leave.

On motion of Senator Bell,

Senator Douglass of Jefferson was excused for to-day on account of sickness, by the following vote:

YEAS—25.

Abercrombie,	Houston,
Allen,	Jarvis,
Bell,	Knittle,
Burney,	Lane,
Calhoun,	McDonald,
Camp,	MacManus,
Douglass, of G.,	Pope,
Field,	Simkins,
Frank,	Stinson,
Garrison,	Terrell,
Glasscock,	Woods,
Gregg,	Woodward.
Harrison.	

NAYS—none.

ABSENT—2.

Burges, Claiborne.

The sergeant-at-arms was dispatched to bring in the absent senators.

SENATOR CLAIBORNE

Was announced at the door, and

On motion of Senator Houston,

The call was suspended.

Resuming consideration, the joint resolution, it was passed by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Abercrombie,	Houston,
Allen,	Jarvis,
Bell,	Knittle,
Burges,	Lane,
Burney,	McDonald,
Calhoun,	MacManus,
Claiborne,	Pope,
Douglass of G,	Simkins,
Field,	Stinson.
Frank,	Woods,
Garrison,	Woodward.
Glasscock,	

NAYS—4.

Camp,	Harrison.
Gregg,	Terrell,

SENATOR FRANK

Sent up the following privileged reports:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, March 4, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed bills have carefully examined Senate bill No. 114, entitled

"An act authorizing wills and testaments, and testamentary instruments of any character which have been probated in any other State or Territory of the United States to be recorded as muniments of title to real property in this State conveyed thereby," and find the same correctly engrossed.

FRANK, chairman.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, March 4, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined Senate bill No. 140, entitled:

"An act to legalize and validate the ordinances of cities and towns, incorporated under the provisions of title 17, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, wherein any ordinance imposing a penalty, fine, imprisonment or forfeiture, for violation of its provisions, has not been published in the official paper for ten days, as required by law," and find the same correctly engrossed.

FRANK, chairman.

SENATOR GLASSCOCK,

By leave,

Sent up the following bills:

A bill to be entitled:

"An act to create the office of road overseer of the public roads in the organized counties of this State, and to define his duties and powers, and to affix a penalty for the violations of the same, and to provide for the salary of said officer."

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

And,

A bill to be entitled:

"An act to repeal Articles 4370, 4390a, 4390c and 4392, chapter 13, passed at the called session of the Eighteenth Legislature"

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

And

A bill to be entitled:

"An act to repeal all of chapter 3 of the Revised Civil Statutes."

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

And

A bill to be entitled:

"An act to repeal Articles 4363, 4369, 4376, 4377 and 4378, title 87 of the Revised Civil Statutes."

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

And

A bill to be entitled:

"An act to repeal Articles 4412, 4413, 4414, 4415, 4416, 4417, 4418, 4421, 4425, 4427 and 4428 of chapter 4 of the Revised Civil Statutes."

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

SENATOR CALHOUN

By leave, sent up the following committee report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,)
AUSTIN, March 4, 1887.)

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Drouth Relief Committee to whom was referred Senate bill No. 307, entitled:

"An act to amend sections 7 and 8 of an act entitled an act to provide for the relief of citizens of Texas, suffering by reason of the drouth, to make an appropriation therefor, approved January 31, 1887," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

This bill seeks to extend the time granted the Drouth Relief Committee till March 28, in which to finish their work and make their report, instead of till March 15.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CALHOUN, chairman.

Bill read first time.

On motion of Senator Calhoun,

The constitutional rule was suspended, and the bill was placed on its second reading by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

Abercrombie,	Douglass of G,
Allen,	Field,
Bell,	Frank,
Burney,	Garrison,
Calhoun,	Glasscock,
Camp,	Houston,
Claiborne,	Jarvis,
Knittle	Lane,

McDonald,
MacManus,
Pope,

Simkins,
Stinson,
Woodward.

NAYS—4.

Gregg,
Harrison,

Terrell,
Woods.

ABSENT—1.

Burges,

The bill was read second time.

SENATOR CALHOUN

Spoke in favor of the bill.

SENATORS ABERCROMBIE, ALLEN AND
LANE

Opposed the bill.

The bill was passed to engrossment by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

Bell,
Burges,
Calhoun,
Camp,
Field,
Frank,
Garrison,
Glasscock,

Houston,
Jarvis,
MacManus,
Pope,
Simkins,
Terrell,
Woodward.

NAYS—10.

Abercrombie,
Allen,
Claiborne,
Douglass of G,
Gregg,

Harrison,
Knittle,
Lane,
McDonald,
Woods.

ABSENT—2.

Burney,

Stinson.

SENATOR BELL

Moved to suspend the Constitutional rule and place the bill on its third reading and final passage.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—19.

Allen,
Bell,
Burges,
Burney,
Calhoun,
Camp,
Field,
Frank,
Garrison,
Glasscock,

Houston,
Jarvis,
Lane,
McDonald,
MacManus,
Pope,
Simkins,
Terrell,
Woodard.

NAYS—7.

Abercrombie, Harrison.
 Claiborne, Knittle,
 Douglass of G, Woods.
 Gregg,

ABSENT—1.

Stinson.

Substitute House bill No 24:

"An act to extend the time within which bonds that have been sold for taxes and bought in by the State may be redeemed," was taken up and read second time with committee amendments, and committee amendments were adopted, and bill was passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Pope,

The Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER.

AUSTIN, March 5, 1887. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator MacManus,

The reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

BY SENATOR UPSHAW:

Memorial from citizens of Hill county, asking that manufacturies be exempted from taxation.

Referred to Committee on Finance.
 And

Petition from citizens of Johnson county asking liberal aid in behalf of the active militia of the State of Texas.

Referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

And,

Petition from firemen of Houston asking to be exempt from road service, road and street tax and poll tax.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

BY SENATOR CLAIBORNE:

Memorial from citizens of Matagorda county asking to have manufactories exempted from taxation.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

BY SENATOR WOODWARD:

Petition of citizens of Karnes county, asking sufficient appropriation for the maintenance of the frontier battalion.

Referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

BY SENATOR KNITTLE:

Petition of citizens of Waller county praying the Legislature to make appropriation to maintain the State voluntary guards.

Referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

BY SENATOR BURNEY:

Petition from citizens of Presidio county, asking for appropriation to maintain State ranger force.

Referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

BY SENATOR LANE:

Petition of commissioners court of Fayette county to change road law.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The following message was received from the House:

HALL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
 AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 5, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—I am instructed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted the report of the conference committee on the disagreement of the two houses on House bill No. 295, known as the deficiency appropriation bill, which report asks for a free conference, and Messrs. Gresham, Mills and Bell of Denton, have been appointed as such committee upon the part of the House.

WILL LAMBERT.

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

BY SENATOR GLASSCOCK:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, March 5, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committed on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 295, entitled:

An act entitled 'an act to repeal an